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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This is in regard to your July 1, 2013, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Allete, Inc. PU-13-127. Originally, I designated Bonny M. Fetch. Due to caseload considerations, I hereby designate Patrick J. Ward to be assigned as an administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the administrative law judge will not be making recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, or issuing a recommended order, the person or persons who will be making the final administrative decision in regard to this matter (*i.e.*, the commission) must be in attendance at the hearing.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge in care of Zuger Kirmis & Smith, P O Box 1695, Bismarck, ND 58502-1695; (701) 223-2711 fax (701) 223-9619. ALJ Ward will preside over the previously scheduled hearing on August 21, 2013. Because the administrative law judge is requested to conduct the hearing only, the agency must give proper notice of the hearing.

**Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20130207. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.**

Sincerely,

Allen C. Hoberg  
Director

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cc: David Moeller, Minnesota Power  
Bonny M. Fetch, Administrative Law Judge

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to Patrick Ward

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